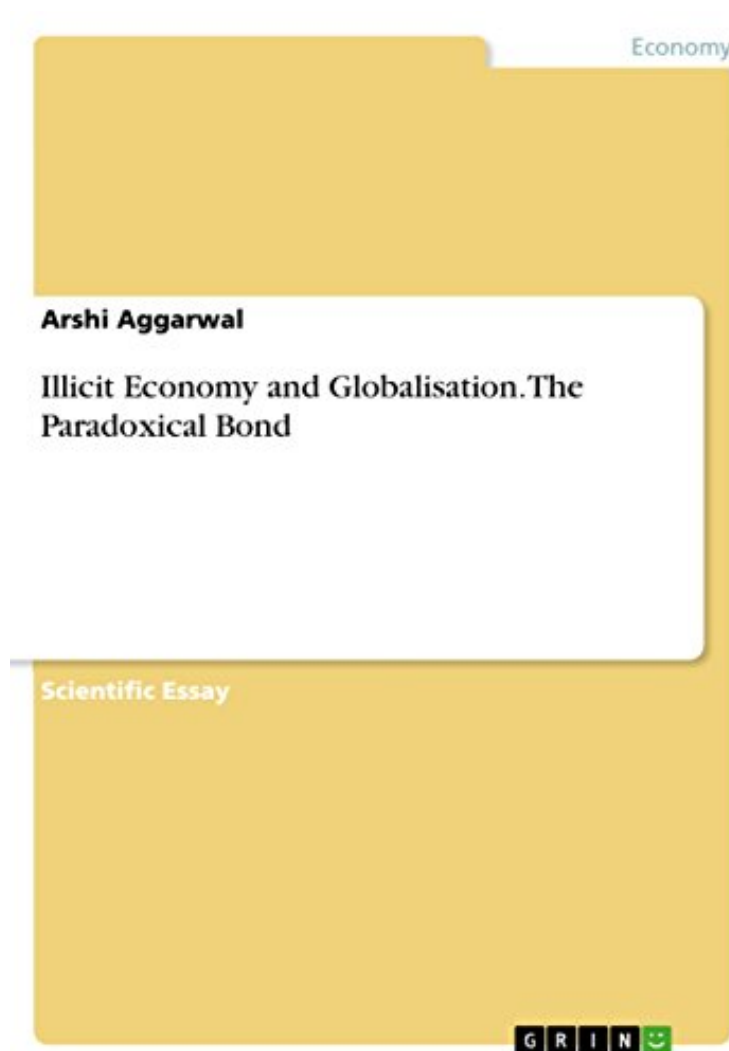


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them to their Russian counterparts in Czechoslovakia. Here these cards are used to make payments for several online orders in London, Paris and Rome; goods are then flown and sold in Moscow, Russia within 200 hours of first card swipe. According to an online estimate, the global illicit market value stands at US \$1.78 trillion. The intricacies of its transnational web are far more complicated than its legal counterpart. This essay analyses the relationship between globalisation and clandestine economy of the globe.